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[Circular.]

OFFICE OF MEDICAL OFFICER IN COMMAND,
MARINE-HOSPITAL SERVICE,
New Orleans, La., October 28, 1898.

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DEAR DOCTOR: It is earnestly advised that every house in which yellow fever has occurred be aired.

All bedding, upholstered furniture, and especially packed clothing, should be taken out of doors and spread out in the sun and wind. This should be done in bright, clear, cold weather, and for several days, six or seven in succession, if possible. A single airing is not generally sufficient. The house should at the same time be thrown open as far as possible. It is better to be without fires, but better have fires and keep the house open than be without fires and shut up the house.

Where practicable, leave bedding, etc., out during cold nights, but this is not an essential. Pay especial attention to clothing, bedding, etc., packed away in trunks and boxes.

Respectfully, yours,
H. R. CARTER,
Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Yellow fever in the United States as officially reported from July 1 to November 10, 1898.

Places.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
Louisiana:				
Alexandria	July 1-Oct. 15	200	2	Estimated.
Amite City	do	1	1	
Baton Rouge	do	176	4	
Baton Rouge, East	Oct. 17			Yellow fever reported.
Baton Rouge, West	do			Do.
Bowie	Oct. 6	1		
Cinclare	July 1-Oct. 15	11	1	
Delogny	do	1		
Feliciana, East	Oct. 17			Yellow fever reported.
Feliciana, West	do			Do.
Franklin	July 1-Oct. 20	607	9	
Harveys Canal	July 1-Oct. 6	14	3	
Houma	July 1-Oct. 15	40	2	
Iberville	Oct. 17			Do.
Jackson	July 1-Oct. 15	15	0	
Jefferson Parish	July 1-Sept. 20	5	0	
Lake Charles	July 1-Oct. 15	1	0	
Lobdell	Oct. 12			Do.
Lutcher	July 1-Oct. 15	14	2	
New Orleans	do	74	19	
Plaquemine	do	6	1	
St. Charles Parish	Oct. 4			Do.
St. James Parish	July 1-Oct. 1	1		
Wilson	July 1-Oct. 15	303	7	
Mississippi:				
Canton	July 1-Oct. 26	9		
Clinton	July 1-Oct. 15	40		
Crystal Springs	July 1-Oct. 21	7		
Edwards (vicinity)	July 1-Oct. 16	12	1	
Fayette	July 1-Oct. 13	5		
Harriston	July 1-Oct. 30	134	8	
Hattiesburg	July 1-Oct. 21	35	3	
Hermanville	July 1-Oct. 13	3		
Jackson	July 1-Nov. 10	208	11	
Madison and vicinity	July 1-Nov. 10	95	1	
Meridian	July 1-Oct. 17	3		
Natchez	July 1-Nov. 2	37	4	
Orwood	July 1-Oct. 27	100	5	
Oxford	do	86	12	
Poplarville	July 1-Oct. 18	24	1	
Port Gibson	July 1-Oct. 6	1	1	
Queen Hill	July 1-Oct. 15	1	1	
Ridgeland	July 1-Oct. 17	7		
Starkville	July 1-Oct. 18	9		
Taylors	July 1-Oct. 21	106	14	
Tougaloo	July 1-Oct. 17	2		
Waterford	July 1-Oct. 6	2		
Water Valley	July 1-Oct. 21	12		
Waveland	July 1-Oct. 18	20	1	
Woodville	July 1-Oct. 6	1		
Yazoo City	July 1-Nov. 10	26		
New York:				
New York	Oct. 23	1	1	

Total for Louisiana, 1,470 cases, 51 deaths. Mortality, 3.47 per cent.
Total for Mississippi, 985 cases, 63 deaths. Mortality, 6.40 per cent. Total for New York, 1 case, 1 death. Grand total for 1898, 2,456 cases, 115 deaths. Mortality, 4.68 per cent.

Compared with the epidemic of 1897, it is observed that yellow fever was reported in that year in forty-two places in ten States, but chiefly in three States, namely, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama, while in 1898 it was reported at fifty-one places in three States.

States.	Cases.	Deaths.
Alabama	765	78
Florida	3	0
Illinois	4	0
Kentucky	1	1
Louisiana	1,916	293
Mississippi	1,668	96
Tennessee	52	14
Texas	15	0

Total number of cases in 1897, 4,429; deaths, 484. Mortality, 10.92 per cent.

Smallpox in Norfolk, Va.

NORFOLK, VA., *November 3, 1898.*

SIR: Referring to the occurrence of smallpox in this city, I have the honor to transmit herewith the official statement of the board of health, as published in the morning papers of to-day. The health authorities also assured me personally of the correctness of this statement.

Respectfully, yours, EDWD. E. FEILD,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

[Inclosure.]

OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

Since September 20 there have been 16 cases, 7 of which have fully recovered and been discharged, while 4 are convalescent. The origin of all cases has been traced and the premises thoroughly disinfected as soon as the patients were sent to the pesthouse. The order for general and compulsory vaccination is being promptly and satisfactorily carried out, about 14,000 having been vaccinated. The board feels there is no cause for uneasiness.

C. F. NEWBILL, *President.*
J. J. MCCORMICK, *Secretary.*

Case of smallpox at Lake City, Fla.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., *November 2, 1898.*

SIR: As a health official, you are hereby informed of the existence of a case of smallpox at Lake City, Fla. The assistant State health officer, who was summoned to confer with the sanitary agent of Columbia County, wires that all necessary precautions have been taken and compulsory vaccination ordered.

You will be kept advised.

Very truly yours, JOSEPH Y. PORTER,
State Health Officer of Florida.

End of smallpox outbreak in Detroit.

CITY OF DETROIT, HEALTH OFFICE,
October 31, 1898.

SIR: I beg to inform you that the last case of smallpox from the recent epidemic here was discharged from the isolation hospital, recovered, on the 29th instant, leaving the city free from the infection.

There have been 8 cases in all, the first one being reported September 14th.

Yours truly, HENEAGE GIBBES, M. D.,
Health Officer.